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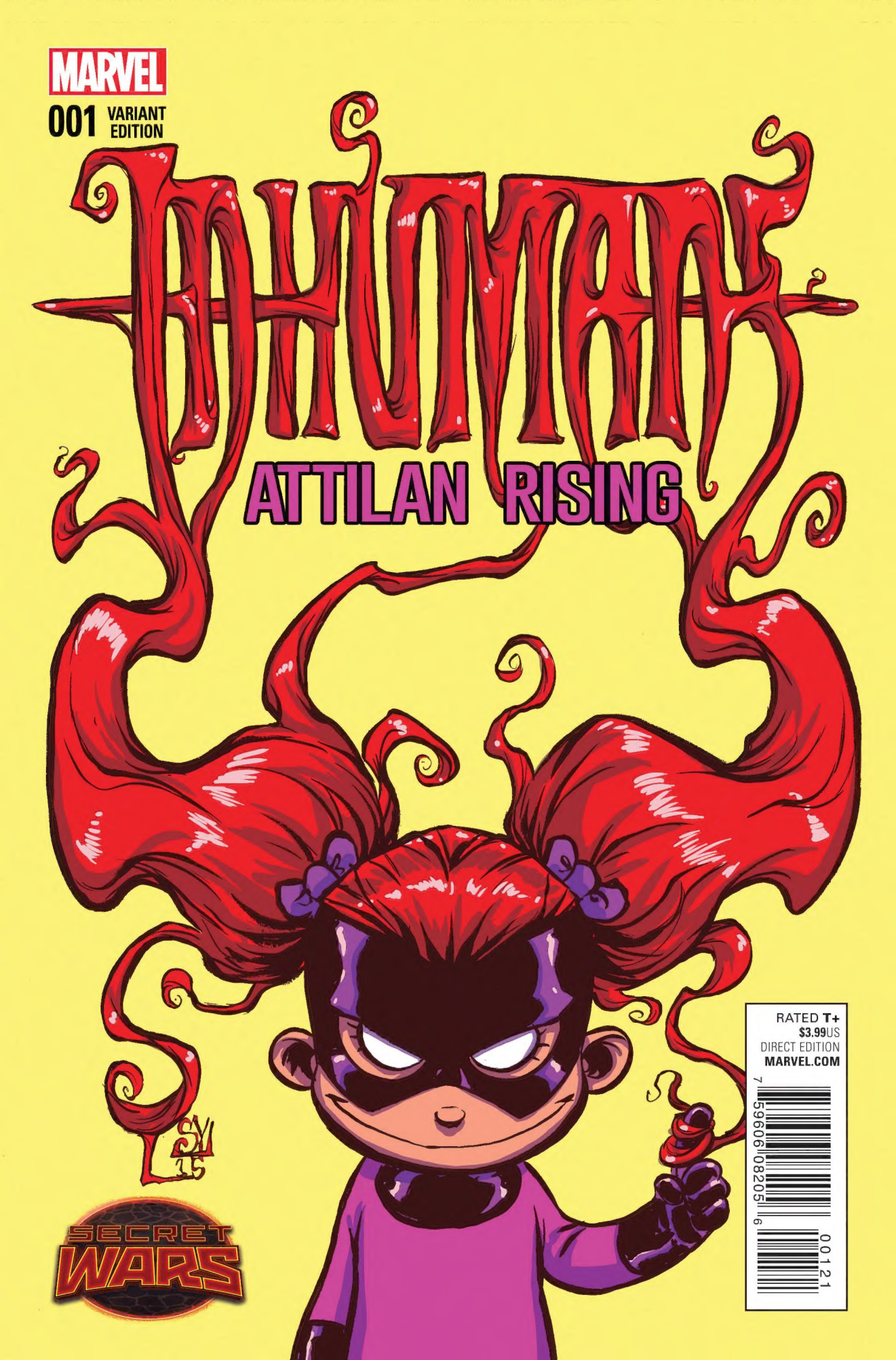
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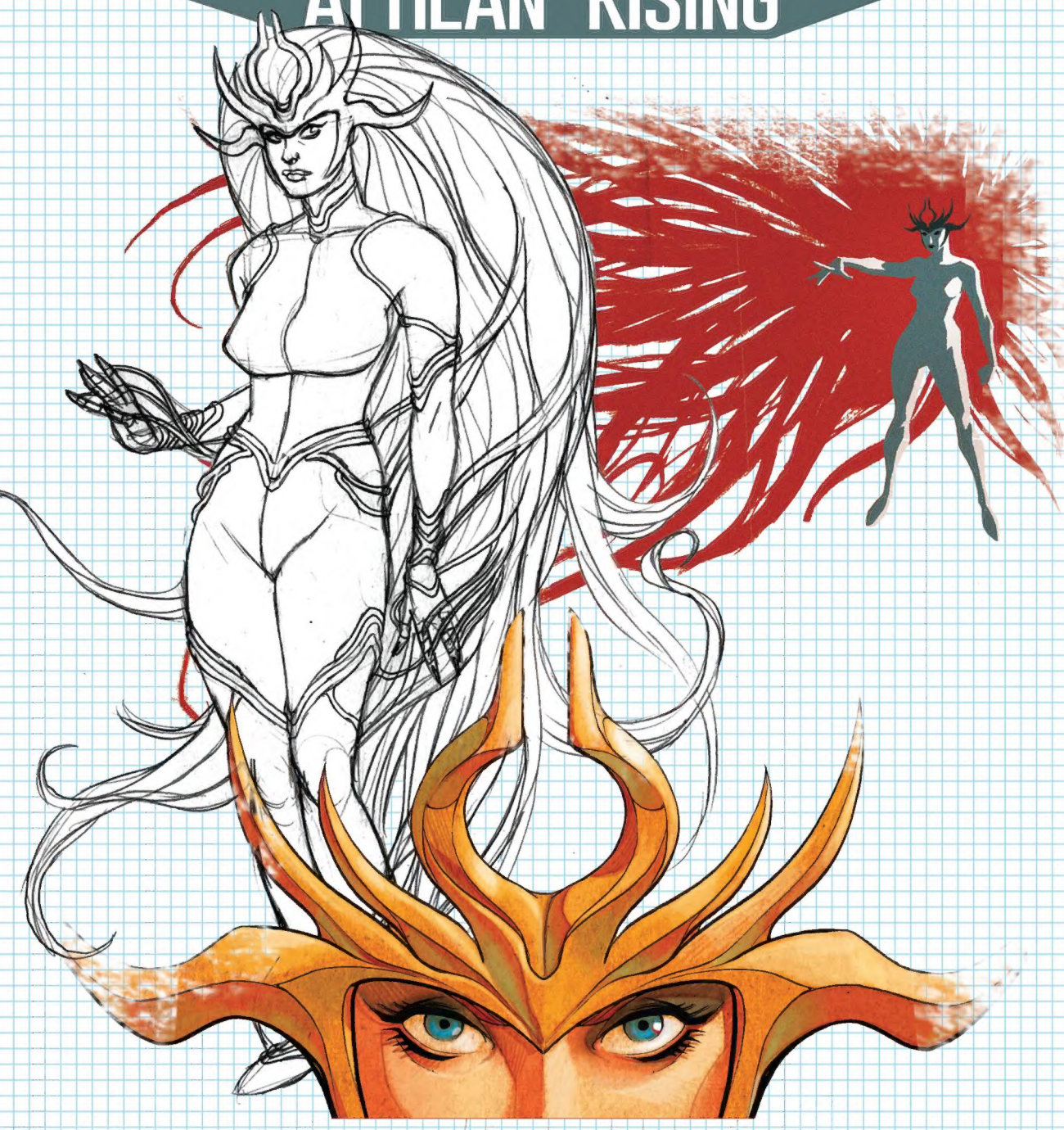

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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610
WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

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NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**:

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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ATTILAN RISING

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BATTLEWORLD.
GREENLAND.
DOMAIN OF THE HULKS.
KZZZAKK
ALL RIGHT NOW, STAY ALERT. WE GOT SOME SHOE LEATHER TO BURN BEFORE WE GET TO THE MEET.
THIS HERE'S GREENLAND. I'M SURE I AIN'T GOTTA TELL NONE OF YA HOW DANGEROUS IT IS. I'LL TAKE POINT, MEGA-RAD THE REAR. FLINT, NAJA, YOU JUST KEEP YOUR PEEPERS PEELED.
WE COME ACROSS ANY HULKS, I WANNA SEE THEM BEFORE THEY SEE--

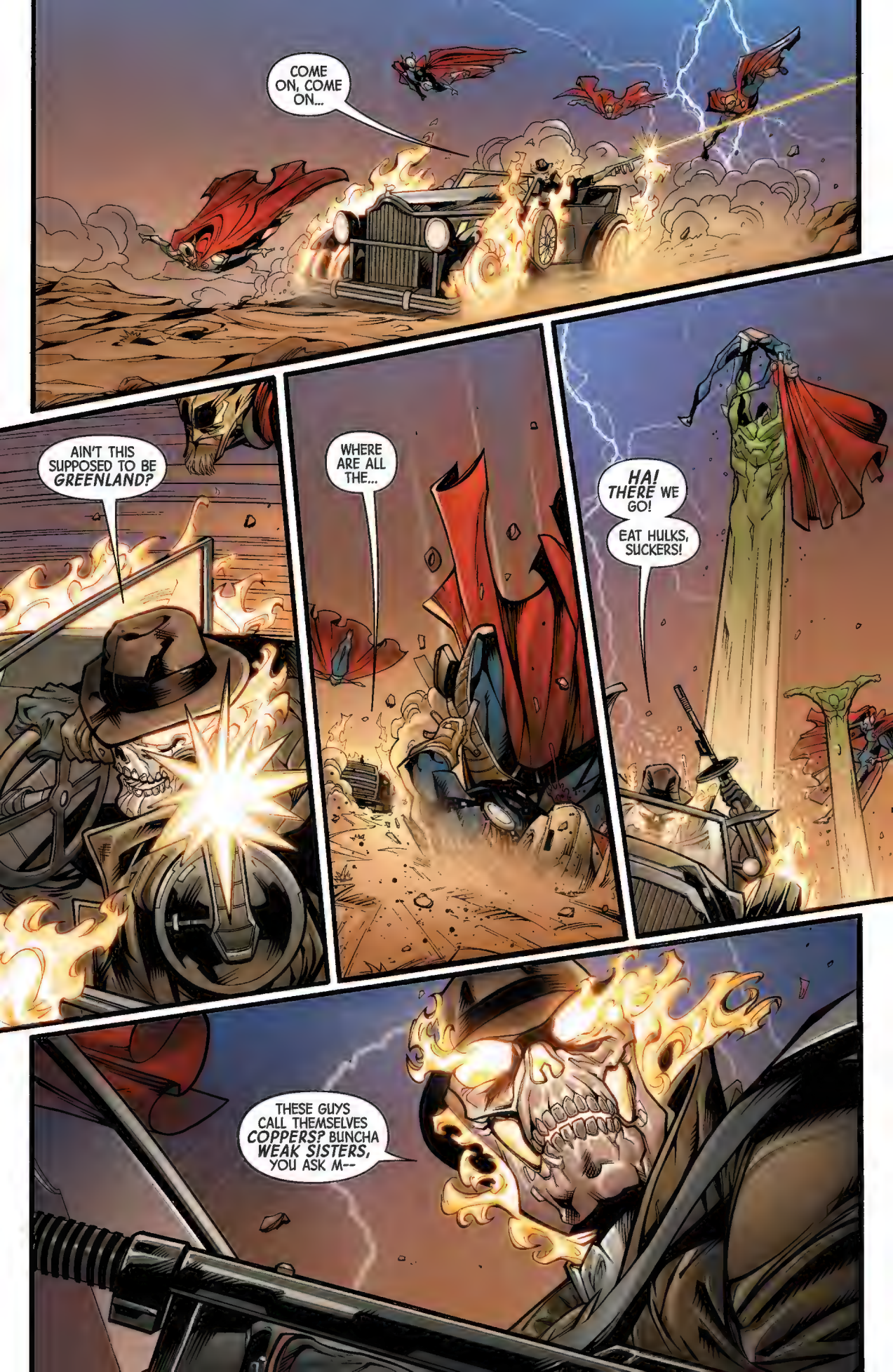
GRRRAAAH!
CRIMINY!
THAT'S A SAND HULK. LOOKS MINDLESS. MUST HAVE BEEN LYING DORMANT, WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO WALK PAST.
THESE THINGS ARE TOUGH. FLINT, I'M GONNA NEED YOU.
YOU'RE BOTH HULKS, RIGHT? CAN'T YOU JUST...TALK HIM DOWN?
NOPE.
FWAM

KTHOOM
NNGH!
RRRAGH!
GOT YOU!
HOLD HIM, FLINT!
I'M →NNF← TRYING, DAMMIT!
SSSSS
EASY, BUDDY... JUST BREATHE THIS IN...
W-WHAT HAPPENED?
I JUST SPRAYED YOU WITH A SERUM THAT RESTORED YOUR MIND.
BUT...MOST OF THE HULKS IN THIS PART OF GREENLAND ARE RAGING...JUST MONSTERS. IF WE COULD THINK AGAIN...THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING HERE.
THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA! WE'RE CALLED THE VOICE UNHEARD--THE RESISTANCE.
THINGS DON'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. NOT JUST HERE, EITHER. ALL OVER BATTLEWORLD. WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER.
I--
YEAH, YEAH, NICE, NICE. NAJA HERE'S ONE A' THOSE GLASS-COMPLETELY-FULL TYPES.
LOOK, WE AIN'T GONNA CHANGE NOTHIN' AROUND HERE 'LESS WE DELIVER THIS SERUM. YOU WANT TO HELP, PALLY, WE SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

THRAKOOM
NAJA, GET UP THERE.
OOH, TWIST MY ARM.
JUST CHECK IT OUT. NOW!
OH, NO. COME ON...
THOR CORPS.

THORS INCOMING. THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED US YET, BUT IT WON'T BE LONG.
GREAT. A HULK WAS ONE THING, BUT THORS...
YOU THINK THEY'RE HERE FOR *US?*
IT DON'T MATTER. THE THORS ARE DOOM'S TOP COPS, AND THE VOICE UNHEARD IS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE. THEY SPOT US, WE'RE COOKED.
IF THEY ATTACK, I'M PROBABLY GOOD FOR AT LEAST TWO OF 'EM.
TAKE A GANDER AT YOUR *BADGES,* MEGARAD.
DAMN. DIDN'T REALIZE THAT LAST FIGHT TOOK SO MUCH OUT OF ME.
YEAH. FIGHTING A HULK'LL DO THAT. YOU AIN'T GOT BUT ONE OR TWO MORE PUNCHES IN YA BEFORE YOU SHIFT BACK.
I'M SORRY.
S'OKAY.
FLINT, YOU GOTTA CHEESE IT. PUT TOGETHER A *BLIND.* QUICK, LIKE.
BUT THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE *SOMEWHERE.* THEY'LL FIND US EVENTUALLY-- WE CAN'T HIDE *FOREVER.*
JUST DO AS I SAY, KID. SHAKE A LEG, WILL YA? COVER UP, AND THEN WHEN YOU SEE YOUR MOMENT, YOU *TAKE* IT. GET TO THE EXIT POINT.
BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU?*
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS OLD *G-MAN,* NAJA.
I AIN'T *NEVER* BEEN SCARED A' THE *HEAT.*

THERE.
WHAT IS THAT?
COME AND GET ME, YA MUGS!
BRAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT
AAHAHAHHHAHAHA!
AHAHAHAHHHAHHA!
A SPIRIT OF IGNITION!
TAKE HIM.


COME ON, COME ON...
AIN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE GREENLAND?
WHERE ARE ALL THE...
HA! THERE WE GO!
EAT HULKS, SUCKERS!
THESE GUYS CALL THEMSELVES COPPERS? BUNCHA WEAK SISTERS, YOU ASK M--

KRRR
BOOM
HNH.

NEW ATTILAN.
FORTRESS OF QUEEN MEDUSA, REGENT OF MANHATTAN.
WHO IS THIS WRETCH YOU BRING BEFORE ME?
THIS, QUEEN MEDUSA...
...IS A REBEL.
I SEE.
AND WHY IS HE HERE, CAPTAIN?

BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS A SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU, MEDUSA.
MY LORD DOOM. YOU HONOR ME WITH YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE.
CORRECT.
THIS CREATURE, AND THE REST OF HIS ILK, OPENLY FLAUNT MY HOLY WORD. THEY SEEK TO DEFY THE VERY LAWS THAT BIND OUR SOCIETY TOGETHER.
MY PEOPLE SUFFER DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS.
THIS OFFENDS ME. DEEPLY.
DOCTOR STRANGE HAS BOUND HIM WITH SPIRIT-CHAINS. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HIS POWERS.
YOU WILL QUESTION HIM. YOU WILL LEARN THE SECRETS OF HIS INSURRECTION.
AND THEN YOU WILL DESTROY IT.

DO NOT FAIL ME, MEDUSA.
NEVER IN THIS LIFE, MY LORD.
SUCH CERTAINTY. BUT KNOW THIS.
I MADE YOU REGENT OF THIS DOMAIN BECAUSE YOU ARE ROYAL. YOU UNDERSTAND HOW TO RULE, AND THE POWER YOU AND YOUR INHUMANS GAIN THROUGH EXPOSURE TO TERRIGEN CRYSTALS MEANS YOU ARE EQUIPPED TO ENFORCE THAT RULE.
BUT THERE ARE MANY, IN MANY REALMS, WHO WOULD TAKE YOUR SEAT IN AN INSTANT, IF YOU WERE TO LOSE FAVOR IN MY EYES.
FAIL IN THIS TASK I HAVE SET YOU, MEDUSA, AND THEY WILL HAVE THEIR CHANCE.
NEW ATTILAN IS CRUCIAL. TO ME, AND TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF BATTLEWORLD. ONLY A RULER STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP IT SAFE WILL BE PERMITTED TO KEEP IT AT ALL.
AND THE WEAK...
...THE WEAK BECOME MEAT FOR THE BEASTS BEYOND THE SHIELD.
YES, MY LORD.

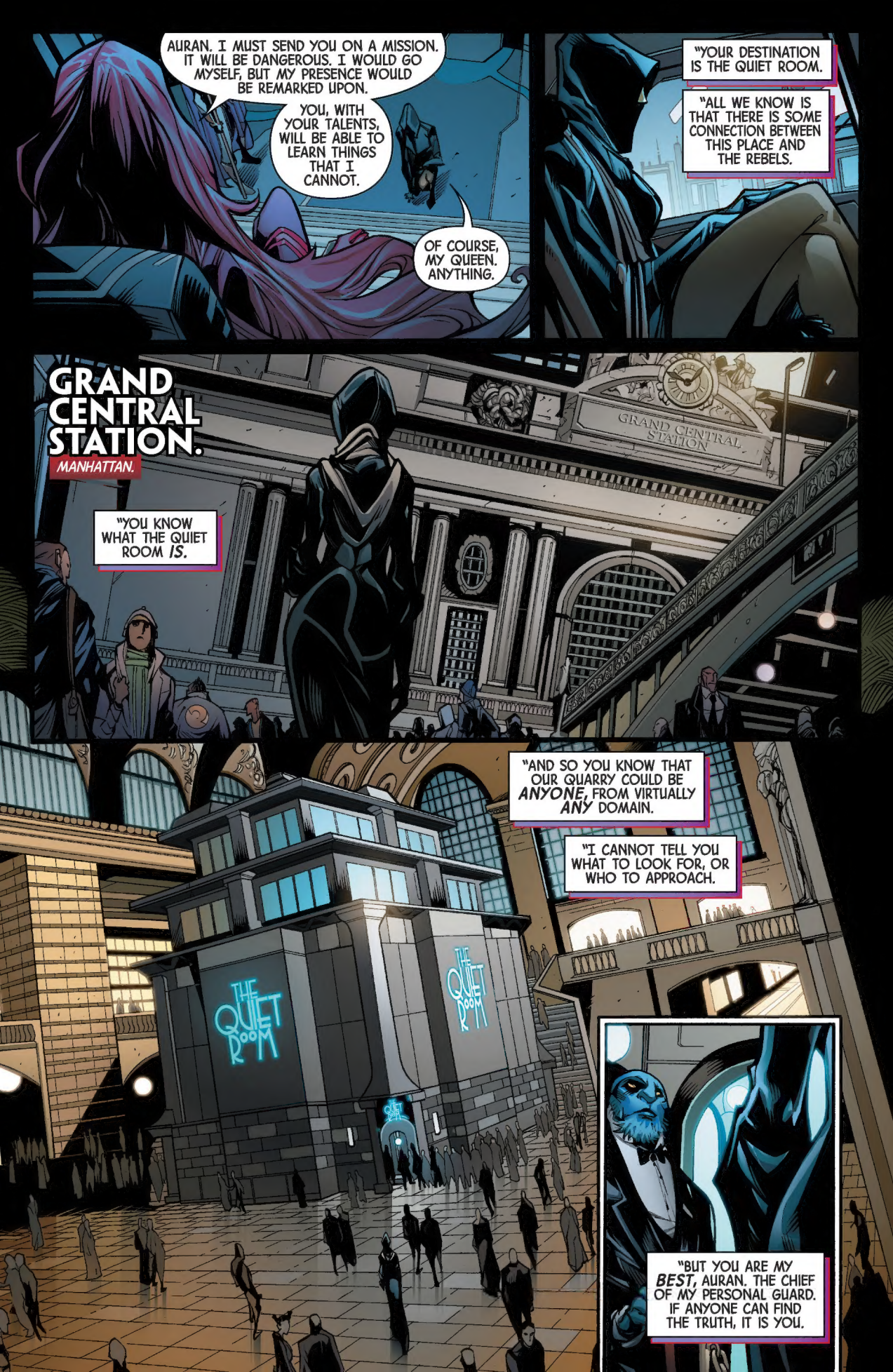
ELSEWHERE.
SO YE DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE THE G-MAN GET CAPTURED, THEN, MR. FLINT?
NO, MURDOCH, BUT HE HAD A WHOLE SQUAD OF THORS AFTER HIM. THE G-MAN'S CAR IS FAST, NO DOUBT, BUT--
NOT FASTER THAN LIGHTNING. AYE, LAD. WE'D BEST ASSUME HE WAS TAKEN.
BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO DELIVER THE SERUM, MEGA-RAD?
MORE OR LESS, KARNAK. THE HULK WE ENCOUNTERED OFFERED TO TAKE THE CANISTERS INTO GREENLAND. HE'LL BRING AS MANY OF HIS PEOPLE BACK TO REASON AS HE CAN.
HE WAS A RICK JONES. A GOOD MAN, I THOUGHT.
MM. I SEE. FAR FROM A COMPLETE SUCCESS, BUT NOT A TOTAL LOSS, EITHER.
ARE YOU ALL CRAZY? HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
WE HELPED THE POOR DEVILS AS BEST WE COULD, I SUPPOSE. AND THERE ARE OTHER DOMAINS THAT NEED OUR HELP.
THE LOST SOULS IN THE VALLEY OF FLAME, FOR ONE... AND I HAVE BEEN HEARING TROUBLING REPORTS OF OPPRESSION OF NON-POWERED BEINGS IN THE MONARCHY.

IF THE THORS HAVE G-MAN, THEN HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE UNTIL THEY MAKE HIM TALK?
THE VOICE UNHEARD, THIS ENTIRE RESISTANCE...IT'S OVER. WE NEED TO RUN, BEFORE THEY FIND US AND KILL US ALL!
BE EASY, NAJA. YOUR GOOD CHEER IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT IN THESE DARK TIMES. DO NOT BE AFRAID.
THE G-MAN IS STRONG. HE WILL NOT BREAK EASILY, AND CERTAINLY NOT QUICKLY.
WE HAVE A BIT OF TIME, I THINK.
STILL, THE BOSS NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED.
MY SHIFT BEGINS SHORTLY. I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO HIM, AND THEN WE'LL SEE.
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A RESCUE ATTEMPT?
POSSIBLY. OR WE FIND A WAY TO GIVE THE G-MAN A CLEAN DEATH BEFORE HE BREAKS. EVERYTHING HAS ITS WEAKNESS. THE G-MAN IS NO EXCEPTION. NAJA IS RIGHT. HE WILL TALK, EVENTUALLY.
BUT I DIDN'T MEAN... THAT'S DISGUSTING. YOU WANT TO MURDER HIM?
IT'D BE A MERCY, LASS. WE'VE ALL HEARD HOW THE THOR CORPS TREATS ITS PRISONERS.
WE'LL LET THE BIG MAN DECIDE WHAT TO DO. THIS IS HIS SHOW, AFTER ALL.
HE NAMED US THE VOICE UNHEARD-- A SONG CALLING OUT ACROSS THE WORLD, SEEKING JUSTICE IN A WORLD MADE TOO DEAF TO HEAR IT.
BUT I'M A MUSICIAN BY TRADE, AND I'LL TELL YOU THIS MUCH. IF NO ONE'S LISTENING, THAT'S THE TIME TO DO SOMETHING LOUD.

NEW ATTILAN.
I WANT TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU BEFORE WE BEGIN.
THIS WORLD IS AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED PLACE.
"MANY DOMAINS ARE FULL OF GOOD, INNOCENT PEOPLE, LIVING THEIR LIVES DAY TO DAY, LOVING THEIR CHILDREN AND HOPING TO SEE THEM GROW UP TO BE GOOD CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.
"BUT THERE ARE OTHER DOMAINS.
"AND THEY ARE FULL OF MONSTERS.
"EVIL BEASTS WHO WANT NOTHING MORE THAN TO EAT THOSE PEOPLE, AND THEIR CHILDREN, UNTIL NOTHING IS LEFT BUT MONSTERS."
THE WORLD IS KEPT IN BALANCE BY THE LAWS OF OUR LORD DOOM. THE MONSTERS STAY WHERE THEY BELONG, BEHIND THE SHIELD HE BUILT, AND THE REST OF US REMAIN SAFE.
THE THINGS YOU AND YOUR...ASSOCIATES DO JEOPARDIZE THAT BALANCE. YOU RISK THE LIVES OF EVERY INNOCENT SOUL ON THIS WORLD.
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MEDUSA.
IF WE'RE ONLY RISKING INNOCENT LIVES...
...THEN YOU'RE PERFECTLY SAFE.

HKKTU!
SSSSSSSS
THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANTED. BELIEVE ME.
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, YOUR MAJESTY.
I'LL SOON BE ABLE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING HE KNOWS. EVERYTHING HE'S EVER KNOWN. LEAVE IT TO STERILON.
GO AHEAD AND GRILL ME. I AIN'T NO RAT. I'LL DIE BEFORE I SING.
OH, MY NEW FRIEND...
...THAT'S NOT HOW THIS WORKS.
GRRRAAAAAAAHHH

I GAVE YOU STRICT ORDERS NOT TO HURT HIM MORE THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, STERILON. HE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN HURT RATHER BADLY.
I... APOLOGIZE, MY QUEEN. THE PRISONER HAD INCREDIBLY STRONG PSYCHIC CONDITIONING.
IT WAS SET TO TRIGGER UPON A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE HIS MIND. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. IT ALMOST TOOK ME WITH HIM. YOU MUST BELIEVE ME.
I AM NOT A KILLER. I WOULD NEVER INTENTIONALLY...
I BELIEVE YOU. JUST TELL ME WHETHER YOU WERE ABLE TO LEARN ANYTHING BEFORE HE DIED.
VERY LITTLE, I'M AFRAID. JUST ONE PHRASE. BUT IT MAY PROVE USEFUL.
THE QUIET ROOM.
BRING ME AURAN.


AURAN. I MUST SEND YOU ON A MISSION. IT WILL BE DANGEROUS. I WOULD GO MYSELF, BUT MY PRESENCE WOULD BE REMARKED UPON.
YOU, WITH YOUR TALENTS, WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN THINGS THAT I CANNOT.
OF COURSE, MY QUEEN. ANYTHING.
"YOUR DESTINATION IS THE QUIET ROOM.
"ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THERE IS SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND THE REBELS.
GRAND CENTRAL STATION.
MANHATTAN.
"YOU KNOW WHAT THE QUIET ROOM *IS*.
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
"AND SO YOU KNOW THAT OUR QUARRY COULD BE ***ANYONE***, FROM VIRTUALLY ***ANY*** DOMAIN.
"I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT TO LOOK FOR, OR WHO TO APPROACH.
THE QUIET ROOM
THE QUIET ROOM
"BUT YOU ARE MY ***BEST***, AURAN. THE CHIEF OF MY PERSONAL GUARD. IF ANYONE CAN FIND THE TRUTH, IT IS YOU.

"JUST BE *CAREFUL.* DESPITE THE TREATY, THE QUIET ROOM CAN BE A DEADLY PLACE.

"WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT YET. WE NEED *INFORMATION.*

"SO GO, AURAN.

"SEE WHAT YOU HEAR.

"AND LASTLY, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, EVEN IF YOU ARE *CAPTURED.*
"WHATEVER THEY DO TO YOU.
"DO NOT UTTER MY NAME.
"IF THEY ARE WHAT WE BELIEVE THEM TO BE...
HI, THERE. I'M BLACKAGAR.
LET ME GUESS...MEDUSA SENT YOU.
"...IT WOULD MEAN YOUR VERY *LIFE!*"
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